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Town of Hunts Point Newsletter

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Above, Hal Wright, an Eagle Scout, is being congratulated by Michael O'Byrne, Chairman of the Weatherill Nature Preserve (WNP). For his Eagle Scout project, Hal and his troop installed 21 new bird houses, 12 new bat houses, and cleared an old driveway in the Preserve. Hal is joined by several members of the Wright family and the other Boy Scouts that worked on the project. Families whose sons have completed other WNP projects include the Brekke's and the Franz's. We certainly appreciate these Eagle Scout projects, as they improve our Preserve.

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Local News

Message From Your Mayor.

Dear Residents:

It was a beautiful summer, and our new milfoil program worked much better. We will do the same double shot process next year.

We hope you can join us for the Halloween Party at Town Hall. This has been a very fun and successful event in the past two years. Several volunteers are planning the party, and announcements will be posted on the mailbox pagodas.

The Town is running well and I want to sincerely thank our Council, Planning Commission, and Staff for the excellent service they consistently provide to our residents. We are indeed very fortunate to live in such a

Fred McConkey
Mayor

BLOCK WATCH AND EMERGENCY PLANS

We are pleased to announce that we have now achieved three (3) consecutive years of NO home invasion robberies on Hunts Point. We thank the Medina Police Department and the citizens of Hunts Point for this amazing record.

To keep our No-Hitter going, we are collecting contact information on all residents through the neighborhood block watch meetings. The Block Watch Maps will be distributed by your Block Watch Captain later this year. With this map, you will have contact information on your immediate neighbors, so you can communicate on suspicious activity and watch out for each other. This is a very effective crime deterrent.

The Block Watch information is being integrated into the Town's Emergency Preparedness Program. The end result is a detailed phone tree, so we can quickly disseminate information throughout the Town. This includes telephone, cell phone, and email contact on all residents that choose to participate. For an emergency or power outage, the communication system is further supported by a base station radio at Town Hall, and 21 hand held radios with selected residents throughout the Point. We have an emergency power generator at Town Hall to keep our command center operating through any storm or emergency. When your Block Watch Chairman calls, please do what you can to help and cooperate as we finalize the Block Watch and Emergency Program. Thanks to all the volunteers for making this happen. We have come a long way in Emergency Preparedness, and we are ready for an earthquake or major storm.

SR520 UPDATE

The Westside appears to be making headway on a compromise agreement for the Montlake area improvements. Much of the progress hinges on the Seattle Mayor race, and funding from the State Legislature in January. WSDOT has applied for \$350 million in federal stimulus funds. If we receive that money, it will fund more than half of the Eastside improvements. The Eastside projects are design/build, and several portions are shovel ready.

The floating portion of the bridge is funded at \$1 Billion, and the pontoons will soon be under construction, which triggers additional Federal highway funds. The construction period is 2010 to 2016, and is dependent upon additional funding.



TOWN REVENUES

The Town had a slow year as we depend on home sales and building activity for much of our revenue. We will draw about \$100,000 from reserves in 2009, yet we still have a \$1.2 Million surplus and only \$40,000 in debt from the Hunts Point Road LID. The Town is in a very solid financial position.

We have curtailed all capital expenditures for 2009, but plan to add license plate recognition cameras at the traffic circle in 2010. Our security system now integrates seamlessly with Medina's new camera system. The license plate recognition software will run the plates on all cars entering Hunts Point and will immediately report stolen cars and warrants for arrests to the Medina Police.

ELECTIONS

We are fortunate to have excellent continuity on the Council, Planning Commission, Town Staff and with Town consultants. With this consistency, we are able to accomplish a great deal with virtually no battles or bureaucracy. Jeri Boettcher is retiring from the Council after eight years of outstanding service to The Town. She has done a great

job. Jill Davis is moving up from the Planning Commission to fill Jeri's Council seat. Elaine Coles has been appointed to the Planning Commission to replace Jill. The rest of us are signing up for another four year term. Thanks to all the Town officials listed on the front page for your dedicated service to The Town.

SHORELINE MANAGEMENT ACT (SMA)

The state is requiring all cities and towns to update their Shoreline Management Ordinances. Ours was last updated in 1975. After years of uncertainty, the state now has a fairly comprehensive set of rules for dock, bulkhead, and shoreline construction permits. The Town has been largely out of this review process. If you can make it through the gauntlet of agencies, including Fisheries, DOE, Marine Biologists, and a host of others, the Town will issue your dock or shoreline permit.

Over the next two years, The Planning Commission will work with our Town Planner, Mona Green, to re-write the SMA for Hunts Point. We will hold public meetings for citizen input as the process evolves in 2010. The Town's SMA regulations will have the same requirements as the State standards. The State is just pushing down the review process to local jurisdictions, but they are allowing us to customize the ordinance to fit waterfront.



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**Town of Hunts Point
3rd Annual Halloween Party
at Town Hall
Saturday, October 31, 2009
Starting at 5:00 PM**



Everyone is Welcome! For kids, parents, and all other residents that want to join in the fun.

We hope to see you all there. Watch for a flyer on your mailbox pagoda with more information.

